

We claim:

Sub a1

1. Apparatus comprising:
a base;
a support connected to the base; and
an adjuster for selectively collapsing the support relative to the base so that the apparatus can support writing material and function as a clipboard; or extending the support relative to the base so that the apparatus can support reading material and function as a reading stand.

Sub a2

2. Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the base is substantially rectangular.

3. Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the support is substantially rectangular.

4. Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the adjuster comprises a hinge for pivoting the support relative to the base.

Sub a3

5. Apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the adjuster further comprises a stay arm extending between the base and the support for holding the support at a desired angle relative to the base.

6. Apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the stay arm is pivotally connected to one of the base and the support at a fixed position and to the other of the base and the support at a

Cos 12
~~position that can be varied to adjust the angle of the support relative to the base.~~

Del 37
7. Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a device connected to the apparatus for securing writing material.

Cos 12
~~8. Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the securing device comprises a spring-loaded clip.~~

Del 37
9. Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a light for illuminating the writing or reading material.

Del 37
10. Apparatus according to claim 9 further comprising a stalk connected to the apparatus for mounting the light.

Cos 12
11. Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stalk is pivotally mounted on the apparatus.

12. Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the stalk is telescoping.

13. Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the light is pivotally mounted on the stalk.

Del 37
~~14. Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a page holder for holding reading~~

~~material open at a desired page.~~

15. Apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the page holder comprises a pair of spaced-apart spring-loaded tabs engageable with the reading material.

16. Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising at least one compartment for holding miscellaneous items.

17. Apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a first compartment for holding a writing implement and a second compartment for holding paper.

18. Apparatus according to claim 16 further comprising first and second lids respectively closing the first and second compartments and first and second hinges respectively mounting the first and second lids and enabling opening of the first and second lids for access to the first and second compartments.